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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

IMEU-CHV-PWH (210)

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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Housing Residents

SUBJECT: USAG Benelux Command Policy Letter 9\*, Care of Pets in Military Housing Areas

1. Reference: USAG Benelux Regulation 210-3, Installations – Appointment of Area/Block Coordinators, 15 March 1996.

2. Pets are an integral part of many families; however, to ensure a healthy, pleasant and comfortable community for everyone, some controls must be established. In this regard, pets will be kept on a leash at all times in housing areas. Sponsors will ensure that all pets are controlled in such a manner that they do not become a public nuisance or menace. Sponsors are responsible for ensuring that their pets are vaccinated and registered in accordance with applicable regulations. Stray animals often pose a problem in housing areas. Encouragement for stray animals, such as feeding or nurturing is highly discouraged. Stray animals may not necessarily be healthy and may become vicious as numbers increase. The following guidelines are not intended as an all-inclusive list; however, housing area personnel should comply at a minimum with the following:

a. Any dog that has the history of attacking or threatening persons or other animals will be muzzled and kept on a short leash when out of quarters. All dogs, when outside, will be on a leash and accompanied by the owner or a responsible individual capable of controlling the animal.

b. Pets will be exercised outside the immediate vicinity of the housing areas at a minimum of 50 feet away from the buildings.

c. Pets will not be tied to stair railings, pipes, shrubbery, privacy walls or trees in or around quarters.

d. Pets will be fed only in the sponsor's quarters or yard.

e. Pets will not be allowed to defecate on porches, in the immediate vicinity of quarters, playgrounds or on sidewalks. Sponsors are responsible for immediate cleanup regardless of location. There are also Host Nation Laws governing the requirements for cleaning up after your pets. Failure to comply may result in punishment for the pet owner.

f. Not more than two pets (dogs/cat) will be housed in government quarters at any one time.


*\*Previously Policy Letter 13*

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3. In cases where owners of pets are negligent in the care of supervision of their pets, appropriate actions will be taken by the block/area coordinators. Considering the restricted space in the housing area, the USAG Commander has the authority to direct the sponsor to remove an offending pet from the housing area immediately. In severe cases, the sponsor may be removed from a housing area for failure to control their pet(s).
4. The proponent of this memorandum is the Housing Division, Directorate of Public Works at DSN 361-5519.

  
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